

REDUCE OUR TAX BURDEN

I'm running for City Council to represent you.

One of the main drivers in the rising cost of living in Austin is the ever increasing city property taxes and fees. These costs are like a second mortgage on homes. Many district residents I've talked with say that their annual property tax bill exceeds their annual mortgage payment. And the common practice by apartment property owners is to pass these taxes and fee increases directly on to their renters.

If elected I will propose that we have an independent audit of all city departments and operations. We must improve efficiency, find and eliminate waste, and assure clear adherence and accountability to the fundamental purpose of municipal government. We need to be sure that Austin's annual \$5 billion city budget is appropriate and is properly spent.

I will seek to eliminate City property taxes for our senior citizens and give them the dignity of being able to age in their own home on a fixed income.

The city should help families and single mothers by instituting city property tax breaks for new parents for the year that they have a child. And we need to explore ways to give tax credits to property owners who support start-up businesses, to ensure that our entrepreneurs can succeed in Austin and continue to create jobs for our citizens.

Join my campaign to reduce our tax burden.

VOTE BILL WELCH FOR CITY COUNCIL

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